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from the editor's desk

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The Mail Box
Fills Up This Week

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A New Thought
On Education, Religion

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Hampered by the confines of the editorial page, we decided to come out this week with a new column, where the editor can talk over a few interesting items which would not ordinarily break into print. Thanks to a full mail box, we've got lots of material with which to start. We'd like to print some of the letters we receive in full but refuse to do so because their authors have not signed their names. If a writer wants his letter to appear in print, let him sign it, adding the note that he'd like to have the article remain anonymous. We're satisfied just so long as we know who the author is.

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First out of the box is a letter on last Sunday's chapel preacher. We don't have to comment on the portion of it printed below; it speaks for itself.

"God knows, religion takes a beating at the hands of higher education. The devil steals more souls with textbooks than with swing and liquor put together. We educated people have learned to think for ourselves and have transferred our belief to more logical schemes of things than those we learned about in Sunday School."

"And so I consider it a blessing that last Sunday's chapel preacher made a really serious effort to shake our disbelief....The Reverend Professor Calhoun presented as convincing a case against disbelief as I have heard in a long time.

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"Our unsolicited contributor" writes in again in answer to the editorial of two weeks back on freshman victims of unknown salesmen. He objects to our saying that we warned him beforehand, and points out that the salesman nicked him on September 17, whereas our warning appeared on the 28. We admit that we were wrong, but suggest that perhaps it wasn't our fault, as the first issue of **Life** came out after his experi-

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Debaters Win in St. Rose Contest

A Hamilton debating team won a unanimous decision last Friday evening against the College of St. Rose in Albany, when Alan B. McMillen and Harry J. McCormick debated the negative side of the proposition, "Resolved: That the United States should enter into a formal military alliance with Great Britain". The debate began at 8:15 p. m. in the auditorium of St. Rose, a Catholic women's college. The three judges awarded the decision to the visiting team before an audience of over one hundred people. A small reception was given for the team after the debate.

On last Monday night a non-decision extension debate on the value of socialized medicine was held before the Oriskany Falls Parent-Teachers Association. Socialized medicine was upheld by John T. Symes, Jr. and Murray D. Shepp, and opposed by Arthur A. Batts, Jr. and Ralph E. Hansmann. The same group, with Horace G. Underwood substituting for Batts, filled a speaking engagement which Dr. Cowley was unable to meet before the Sauquoit Parent-Teachers Association on the following night.

Another extension debate will be held on March 17 at the Hotel Utica, a group having been invited to speak at a luncheon of the Women of Rotary.

College Talent Heard at Recital

Music Group Presents Fifth Concert; Choir Feature Of Program

The Musical Art Society presented its fifth concert of the college year last Sunday night in the Hall of Commons, with a "college talent" program. Feature of the evening's events was the preview of the choir before that organization takes its annual spring tour this week-end.

Playing before a fair sized audience, the singers and instrumentalists were all enthusiastically received for their fine work. Three new musical groups made their debuts that evening, and Eldred L. Ross, '40, pianist, and the college octet were also heard.

A horn quartet, including Fred Deyo, '41, Frank Hoppe, '39, Richard Griffith, '40, and Sam L. Lake, '39, played works by Sibelius, Maddy, and Hoch. Mr. Ross then presented two piano selections by Chopin and Chaminade.

The octet, which has become a popular group at All-College dinners, was so well received that it had to render an encore before the audience would let the members go.

The difficult Mozart Quintet for Horn and Strings was played by Professor A. P. Saunders, Armand Hoch, '42, Albert W. Groekest, '40, and Lester S. Start, '41, strings, and Charles L. Nord, '39, horn. The four string instrumentalists then played the Haydn String Quartet in G Major.

The choir, under Professor Paul A. Fancher's leadership, sang five selections and an encore. William Kirk, '39, and Thomas F. O'Donnell, '42, were the soloists.

The Program:

1. Finlandia .... Sibelius-Roberts
   Londonderry Air, Arr. by Maddy
   Gavotte ..... Arr. by Hoch
   Horn Quartet
2. Valse, C Sharp Minor . Chopin
   Autumn ..... Chaminade
   Eldred L. Ross, pianist
3. Where e'er You Walk, Handel-Spross
   Columbia Drinking Song, Arr. by Bagnell
   High Barbary, Arr. by A. E. Hall
   Eight Bells, Old Sea Chantey
   Octet
4. Quintet for French Horn and Strings ..... Mozart
   String Quartet and Horn
5. String Quartet in G Major—Haydn
   String Quartet
6. Komm, Susser Tod .....Bach
   Heilig, Heilig, Heilig, Schubert
   Fairest Lord Jesus, Old German Hymn
   Dream of Bygone Days, Old Russian Song
   Reapers' Song, Bohemian Song
   Have You Got Good Religion—Negro Spiritual

Choir, H. S. Long, Accompanist

Herald-Tribune Editor To Assist Staff Next Week

The **Hamilton Life** staff meeting on Monday, March 13, will be addressed by Mr. Lewis B. Sebring, Jr., night city editor of the New York Herald-Tribune. Instead of giving a formal lecture, Mr. Sebring will participate actively in the editing of next week's issue of **Hamilton Life**.

Cut Rule Change Up to Faculty

Undergraduate Committee Suggests Continuance Of Present Rules

The Underwood Committee, appointed last January to consider the proposed change in classroom attendance rules, emphatically urged the retention of the present system in a report presented to the faculty last Saturday.

Pointing out the fact that mass cutting takes place only on the last day of classes before vacations, the student committee laid the slackness of classroom work on these days to the prevailing student "excitement." Further, the committee argued that the present system of charging double cuts penalizes the student cutting, and thus makes for greater classroom attendance in between vacations.

The report sharply criticised the provision calling for double cuts for classroom absences the day before and the day after Memorial Day and special weekday convocations dubbing it "both unnecessary and vague." Cutting at these times, it held, was accidental and was in no way detrimental to classroom work.

The committee disapproved of the rule providing for double cuts on the day before houseparties. Most cuts at this time, it was pointed out, are taken in order to meet guests or to go home to get cars, which students are not allowed to drive at other times.

The change proposed by President Cowley will be voted upon by the faculty next Monday. Before then, it is expected that the members of the Underwood Committee will meet the faculty Committee on Scholarship and Attendance to elaborate on the objections contained in the report.

Comments of faculty members interviewed, with the exception of some few who preferred to remain non-committal, indicated adverse action on the proposed change.

The members of the student committee are: Horace G. Underwood, chairman; Richard H. Farrell, W. Allenby Jones, Russell E. Newkirk, Hugh Curran, and William B. Barlow.

Council Approves Constitution Plan

Proposed Organization to Be Voted on Next Week By Undergraduates

At its meeting Monday night the Executive Council approved the proposed constitution for a Student Council submitted to it by a committee of Farrell, Hilfinger, Erickson, and Gardner. The Executive Council intends to have the undergraduate body vote on the Constitution in Chapel late next week.

Part of the constitution, which was approved Monday night, is as follows:

Article I
Name

The name of this organization shall be The Student Council of Hamilton College.

Membership

a. The membership of the Student Council shall be made up of five seniors and two juniors, elected in the spring of their junior and sophomore years respectively.

b. The Student Council shall take office immediately after election, but it shall meet during two regular meetings with the outgoing Council, which shall act as an advisory body without vote.

Objectives

The objectives of the Student Council shall be: To act as an intermediary between students and faculty, and to be concerned with the welfare of student life at Hamilton College.

Article II
Nominees

a. There shall be ten nominees from the Junior Class. Nine of these shall be nominated by the graduating members of the Student Council. At least one of these nine shall be a non-fraternity student. The tenth nominee will also be a non-fraternity student, nominated by the non-fraternity student body as a whole.

b. Four sophomores shall be nominated by the graduating members of the Council.

c. The first group of nominees shall be chosen by the graduating members of the Executive Council of the General Association.

Eligible to Vote

All students of Hamilton College are eligible to vote.

Date of Election

The election shall be held not later than the 20th of April.

Place of Election

The election shall take place at a meeting of the student body of the College, due notice having been given by published announcement at least ten days in advance.

Election

a. Each undergraduate shall be entitled to vote for not more than five juniors and two sophomores.

b. The five juniors having the highest number of votes shall be elected.

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Choir Will Broadcast on Magic Key Hour Sunday

Director of the College Choir

Professor Paul A. Fancher

Will Give Concerts at Essex Fells and At Albany

TO LEAVE FRIDAY

Choir Also to Take Part in Evening Services at St. Thomas'

The eighth consecutive annual coast-to-coast broadcast by the Hamilton College Choir will be heard over the Magic Key Hour Sunday, March 12, at 2:00 p. m. The program for this concert has recently been announced. The choir, under the direction of Professor Paul A. Fancher, will sing the following selections:

Komm Susser Tod-Bach; Adoramus Te, Christe-Palestrina; Ave Maria-Abt; Bei der Krippe Jesu-Old German Carol; Dream of By-Gone Days-Old Russian Folksongs Fairest Lord Jesus-14th Century German hymn; Third Mode Melody-Tallis.

During the program Alexander Woollcott is to read the 23rd and 121st Psalms. Many Hamilton alumni and students, remembering last year's program over the ether on which Woollcott and Orson Welles appeared, are anticipating this year's broadcast. Some of these alumni were choir members in their college days, and so have added interest in the program.

Besides the air appearance, the group of 63 voices will give concerts in Albany and Essex Fells, New Jersey. The first metropolitan appearance of the choir was in 1926, and since then the singers have made a trip to the New York area every year. Few athletic teams here can equal this record. The yearly trip has become an integral part of the choir's curriculum, and the members look forward to the annual experience.

This year's trip is perhaps the fullest and most interesting yet. After the radio appearance the choir will go to St. Thomas' Church at Fifth Avenue and 53rd Street to sing at the evening service at 4:00 p. m. With the exception of the West Point Military

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Two Lectures in Chapel Planned

The current series of lectures will be continued next week when two more speakers will come to the Hill. On Monday night Dr. T. V. Smith will give a talk in the chapel.

Dr. Smith has been connected with the Department of Philosophy at the University of Chicago and has served two years in the state legislature of the state of Illinois. At present he is a member of the House of Representatives, to which office he was elected last November by the voters of Illinois.

Dr. Smith has attracted considerable attention by his unique proposals for repealing undesirable laws. He advocates constructive law-breaking as a means by which attention can be drawn to these undesirable laws.

On Friday night, March 17, Professor Irwin Edman, of the Philosophy department of Columbia, will speak on the subject "Philosophy and the Social Crisis". Professor Edman has written several books which have been best-sellers in their field.

Both Dr. Smith and Professor Edman appear in "Who's Who in America".

Officers Chosen By College Band

The Hamilton College Band met in Commons Monday night to seek means to form a more closely knit organization on the Hill. An Executive Committee was formed by the members of the band which is to consist of one senior, who is to be chairman, and two members from each of the other three classes.

Charles L. Nord, '39, was named chairman of the committee. Junior members are Richard F. Griffith and Stephen E. Kelly; sophomores, Seth J. McKibbin and Frederick A. Deyo; and freshmen, Arthur F. Seaver and Roderick A. McLean.

Chairman Nord stated that the purpose of the new committee was to take the burden of work off the band's present leader, Sam L. Lake, '39, and to attempt the first serious organization in the aggregation's history. The ultimate goal of the committe, he concluded, is to try and get college credit towards graduation for undergraduates playing in the band.

The recent failure of the band to appear on the scheduled Musical Art Concert program because of lack of practice was the incencentive for the new committee.

22 Seniors Start Teaching Work

Though Professor Blyth has not yet definitely completed his plans, nevertheless, in about one week's time 22 Seniors will go out into the world to begin their life's work. But they won't be going far—just to the schools of Clinton, Utica, and various nearby townships, where they will observe and instruct actual classes as practice for the teaching profession.

In addition to the practice obtained in this vicinity before Spring Recess, these men will also observe and carry on their chosen calling in schools near their own homes during the vacation period.

The student teachers will give instruction in from one to a possible four of their majors, just as they see fit. During these classes, their poise, preparation, and ability to get the subject across are watched and recorded by the professional teachers. All three of these essentials must pass above a certain rating, if the men's teaching permits are to be issued.

This work is done by the students to fulfill a state requirement for a professional teacher's license, and is done in conjunction with Professor Blyth's Philosophy and education classes.

Freshman Keeps Warm with Wooden Sweater Brought Here from Germany

A freshman has a wooden sweater. You don't believe it? Neither did we until we trotted around to Three South last week and saw it for ourselves. Now, after we've seen it, we don't know whether to believe it or not.

We heard the news one afternoon last week and promptly scoffed at the idea, but for the sake of curiosity, we accepted the invitation to come up and see it.

Arriving at South, we asked Charlie Scharf, '42, (with sarcasm in our voice) to produce the wooden sweater. He disappeared in the next room and came back with a thick, woolly pull-over job which he proclaimed to be the article we sought. We took the creation in our hands, and gave it the once over. It felt warm, looked like any other sweater we had ever seen, and didn't seem to us like the thing we'd expect to find.

"How do you know it's a wooden sweater?" we asked.

"Well, I wouldn't want to swear that it was wooden, but it was brought over from Germany by my aunt, and she said it was made from wood. It was made by some sort of chemical process."

"Hmm!" we murmured, stalling for time. "How long have you had it?"

"Oh, several months."

Several months. This was a fine time to be getting the story.

"Do you find it any different from any other sweater you've ever owned?" we queried next.

"Yes," was the answer. "The sweater was fine until I sent it to the laundry. It was nice and snug around the waist. But when it came back from the laundry, it had lost all its stretch, and now it doesn't fit as well as it did before."

"Will it burn?" we asked next, and then stopped in a hurry. Of course it would burn; any sweater would. We started to think about a lawsuit against Hitler for selling garments which didn't hold their shape in the wash.

"What kind of wood is it made from?"

"It's not made from any one kind. You see, they don't cut down trees to get wood to make sweaters and things. They just go through a forest and pick up all the old wood and things which are lying on the ground. They don't touch any growing trees."

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Importance of Study of Mental Hygiene Stressed by Dr. Plant

Last Wednesday evening, Dr. James S. Plant, '12, gave a lecture in the Chapel on the subject of mental hygiene in relation to problems of education. His method of presenting the talk was to give a certain amount of information and then ask general questions which required the members of the audience to assimilate the material presented to them.

Dr. Plant explained that there were three things in which the students of mental hygiene were primarily interested: mental hygiene in relation to themselves, to the people with whom they associate, and to knowledge and education. Using these three points as a skeleton outline, he then interwove with them the history and the study of mental hygiene since its origin in 1906.

He discussed in detail the problems which children of late grammar school and early high school age have to face in the classroom. He pointed out, however, that the reason for many of these difficult situations is often the fault of the teacher and not the pupil. This emphasizes the fact that the teachers in modern high schools should be thoroughly trained in child psychology as well as in the subjects which they teach.

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COLLEGE BAND

Without doubt, there were many who were surprised that the band did not play at the Musical Art Concert last Sunday night. The reason that the band withdrew from the program was lack of practice; but it is not quite fair to lay the full blame for that on the band's members. Frequent choir rehearsals and many quizzes made it impossible for the musicians to attend practice sessions called during recent weeks.

It is not this one present failure of the band to attend rehearsals, however, that has brought the matter to attention. It is the lackadaisical manner in which the organization has functioned in the past as well as in the present. Members of the band have had no incentive to turn out for practice, and consequently, the quality of their work has suffered.

It was an almost impossible task for Professor Shute and Sam Lake to get the group to practice for the inauguration exercises last fall. Practically every member had to be collared and brought out forcibly. During recent weeks, despite set rehearsals and pleas on the part of directors, the turn out was very small—so small, in fact, that Professor Shute absolutely forbid the band to participate in the concert. Their performance would have been far below what should have been expected from a college group.

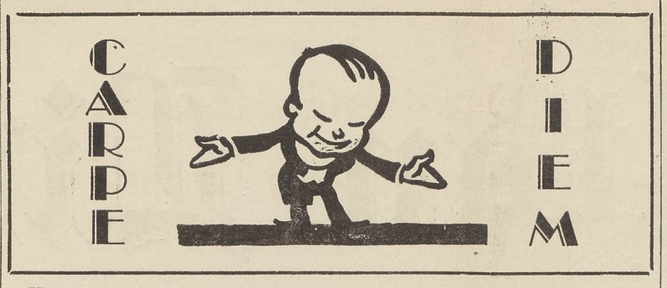
What is a possible remedy for the situation? The idea that band members should get credit for graduation is not a new one. It has been bounced about between the undergraduates and faculty several times in the past, with no results. Plans have been made, talked about, and then dropped as impossible of achievement. This year we hope that something definite will be accomplished.

There are two groups who must be responsible for bringing about an effective change. The first and most important is the faculty. Professor Shute has already submitted for approval a plan whereby the band members will receive college recognition of their work. The plans provides for a faculty band leader, who will organize and direct rehearsals and performances. The band will be run on much the same style as the choir, with one or two nights of the week set aside for rehearsals; and the members of the band, as those of the choir, will receive so many semester hours credit toward graduation.

The second group is made up of members of the band themselves. It is up to them to convince the faculty that they are worthy of receiving such credit. Up to the present, the band has given but fair performances, with exceptionally well done numbers few and far between. There is only one way to show the faculty that the band's work can be improved, and this is by constant practice. If the group does show the interest it should, results will soon be apparent, and the band will have proven that it can be a top-notch musical organization. The faculty can then have no real reason to turn down the plan submitted to them.

That the band is taking active interest in this problem is evidenced by the recent formation of its executive committee. This committee has stated that one of its purpose is to try and get college recognition. What the plans of the committee are in this respect, we don't know, but we hope that they will be such as to arouse student opinion and force a quick administrative response.

We trust the faculty will realize the need of approval of Professor Shute's suggested change, and will pass his plan without delay. If this is done in the near future, arrangements can be completed to have a new course in Band 1-2, or whatever it may be, open to undergraduates next fall. Once such a course is started, there will be an immediate change in the attitude of not only band members, but of all undergraduates, towards the group; and the result will be another organization in which Hamiltonians can take pride.



Herr Otto Liedke ran into some unusual trouble the other day. Said master of the German language left one of his classes in the throes of a quiz and calmly strolled downstairs for the customary consolation of the weed. When he wished to return to his happy little group, he was prevented from doing so, for someone had locked him out. After much fumbling and grumbling, the good man finally got back in. But what we want to see are the results of that quiz.

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According to a certain very funny boy hereabouts, there is more than one way to wear the 'welcome' off a doormat.

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A certain "Budding" gang has wormed itself into the usually literary life of Alpha Delta Phi. Their leader, "Bud Bad Boy" Gourley has the rest of the house completely terrified...especially Rich White who knew him in dark past of Exeter. There are those whose ancestors may well have been hanged as horse-thieves. Bold, bad, gun-totin' men!

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Among some of the more noteworthy resolutions made for the blessed season of Lent is that of "Gawge" Barton. The "Little Minister" decided to cut down on his cussin', so every time he lets loose he puts a mark on a chart in his room. For every mark on the chart, he has promised to donate a penny to the church in Clinton. Plans have already been made for the G. L. Barton Annex of St. James' Church.

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Allenby Jones has at last come into his own—he has a protector. Professor Patton this afternoon named himself chairman of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Jones.

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Latest threat upon the life, limbs and lucidity of George (Function) Frees is that some necessarily unnamed personage who aims to "set him adrift in Oriskany Creek, in a thundermug without oars."

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Alumni Notes

By Professor Edward Fitch

Edward N. Jones, '83, formerly of the Plattsburg Normal School and long prominent in the educational work of the state, died at his home in White Plains on February 28. Hamilton conferred upon him the honorary degree of Ph.D. in 1893.

Rev. Dr. Anthony N. Peterson, '95, and Mrs. Petersen of Scarborough have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Laura Dorothea Petersen, to Kenneth A. Southworth of East Orange, N. J. The wedding will take place in May.

Arthur C. Higgins, '00, died at his home in Sidney on February 26. He was for a time a teacher at the normal school, Lock Haven, Pa.

Rev. Clarence E. Krumbholz, D.D,. '09, executive secretary of the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church, has accepted an appointment to direct the newly created department of welfare of the National Lutheran Council. His office is in New York City.

Announcement was made on March 2 that Carl Carmer, '14, had completed and sent to Farrar and Rinehart, publishers, the first section of the manuscript of "The Hudson River", the next title but one in the Rivers of America series. Publication is planned for June .

At the recent annual meeting of the Administrative Commission of the State Council of Churches, Rev. George W. Walker, '14, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Perry, was named secretary of the Commission.

Robert K. Clark, '25, who has been connected with the Chicago office of Montgomery Ward and Company, has been placed in charge of the furniture department of the firm on the Pacific coast. His home will be in Oakland, Cal.

A recent publication of the Stanford University Press is "The Construction apo koinou in the Germanic Languages", by Herbert D. Meritt, '25, a member of the Stanford faculty.

Dr. Willis M. Rayton, '31, of the department of physics in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has accepted a teaching position for next year at Dartmouth College. He will teach in the summer school at M. I. T. this coming summer.

James T. Dunn, '36 who is enrolled in the School of Library Science at Syracuse University, is one of thirty-four students who are being sent out during a two-weeks period to libraries in this and other states to obtain practical training in library work. Mr. Dunn is spending the days from February 27 to March 11 in the Hamilton Library.

Frederick M. Davenport, member of the college faculty from 1904-29, was recently appointed by President Roosevelt to head the newly created National Council of Personnel Administration. Mr. Davenport taught here while a member of the New York State Senate. He was accorded an honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1933.

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Calhoun Sunday Chapel Speaker

The Rev. Prof. Robert L. Calhoun, Ph.D., of Yale University addressed the Hamilton student body last Sunday in the third consecutive chapel exercise broadcast over WIBX.

"God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all" was the theme of Dr. Calhoun's sermon in which he stated that the world of today must have faith in the existence of supreme guiding power.

He hammered home the point that "rationalism cut off from the drive of religion is worthless, and religion without rationalism is brutal."

In view of present world conditions, he warned, it is again necessary that the world seek the gospel of truth and love.

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Psi U's Capture Lead in Interfraternity Basketball

In an exciting game on Saturday, the Psi U's defeated the Dekes in the Interfraternity Basketball Tournament. The game broke the tie for first place in division A which had existed between the two teams for some time. The Psi U's have won three games out of three.

In division C, a game was also played in which the Alpha Delts defeated the Tekes. Several more games in each of the three divisions are scheduled for this week, and it is hoped that the house teams will cooperate in concluding the tournament.

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Hill Five Takes Hobart Tilt But Is Beaten by Rochester

Eight Points in Overtime Beats Hobart, 55-53; Davis High Scorer

By chalking up eight points in the closing minutes of an overtime period, Hamilton's basketball team defeated Hobart, 55-53, last Friday night at Geneva. On Saturday evening the Buff and Blue wound up their current campaign by losing to a strong Rochester five, 51-32.

The Hobart fray was exciting from start to finish. Although the Hillmen got off to an early lead in the opening period, their opponents tied the score five times. In the final minutes of play the Geneva five went ahead on six successful free throws to lead 45-43. But Chink Davis, Hamilton guard, tied up the contest again by sinking two foul shots.

Overtime Period

The regular game thus ended with the score reading 45-45. Hobart started the overtime period like a house afire, and was ahead 51-47 when Hamilton again came to life. Two field goals by Bob Forbush, Buff and Blue guard, tied up the score. Hamilton surged ahead when Mel Ellison dropped a foul shot after Hobart had been guilty of too many time-outs. This was followed by another one-pointer by Ellison, and a basket by Walt Roider just as the final whistle blew. Scoring honors went to Davis, with eight field goals and four fouls for a total of 20 markers. Ellison accounted for 13 points, and Forbush for ten. Popalisky, Hobart center, led his teammates with a total of 16 counters.

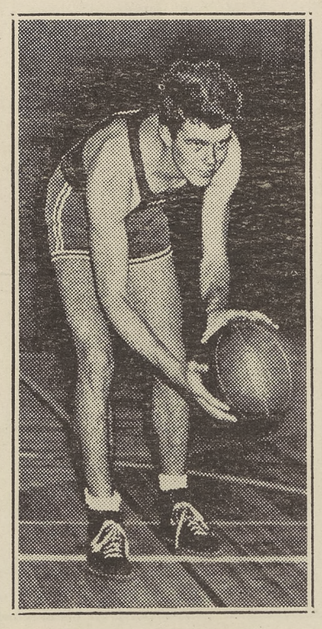
Although Hamilton's zone defense was working well, the Hillmen were no match for Rochester's rangy five. The Yellowjackets were dead on their set shots and, in addition, managed to sink a very high percentage of their free tosses. Bob Collett, Rochester guard, provided the thrills of the game with his uncanny accuracy on shots from outside the zone. The Hillmen managed, however, to hold Bob Ulrich, their opponent's high scorer, to only two field goals. Once again Davis lead his teammates in scoring with 12 markers; Collett was high for Rochester with 16.

Scoring honors for the year go to Davis, who ended the season with a total of 106 points. Forbush followed him closely with a total of 102, just four points away from top place.

The recapitulation of a disappointing season shows that Hamilton won two games, from Buffalo and Hobart, and dropped ten. Despite this poor record, prospects for next year's team are bright. Only three varsity men, Captain Quimby, Ellison, and Roider will be lost by graduation this June.

Freshman players who have the most chance of making Coach Weber's squad next year are Co-captains Rod Smith and Bob Henry, and Bill Day and Jim Bonner, forwards. With the problem only of filling Ellison's shoes, Coach Weber should be able to look forward to next year's season with confidence.

Scores Most Points



William E. Davis, '40

Poor Ice Closes Hockey Season

Cornell Game Cancelled; Squad Has Fair Year With Five Wins

The finale of the present hockey season was reached Saturday night in the slush and water covering the Sage Rink which forced cancellation of the closing game with Cornell. It was a fitting climax to a season which saw the sextet get off to a meteoric start and then found it tumbling to defeat in its last five games.

Single victories over Middlebury, Springfield, Union, and a double win over Massachusetts State, with but a single loss to Cornell to interrupt the string, sent the team off to a flying start.

After the Springfield contest, however, the team made an about face and lost five games with Colgate, Victoria, Army, Clinton, and Williams. Three games were cancelled during the season. The second Middlebury and Union games, and the final fray with Cornell were all called off because of poor ice.

Compared with the other four Hamilton teams which have completed their scheduled seasons, the hockey squad exhibits the best record. On a percentile basis of 1.000% the pucksters display an average of .418 whereas soccer shows .333, skiing .250, basketball .182, and football even lower. Incidentally, the combined results of the Hamilton teams to date show a win percentage of but .242.

Prospects for a good squad next year are exceptionally bright. The Buff and Blue aggregation loses Captain Bob Hayes, Bill Hummer, Gus Erickson, and Sam Lake by graduation, but the rest of the men who made up this year's team will be back in force plus several promising men from the freshman class. Murray Gardner, the iron backbone of the 1938-39 varsity, will be back along with Gar Hole to handle the defense posts. Bush, Rogers, and Nichols will be playing their third season on the line, while sophomore forwards Joy, Hayes, LeFevre, Miller, and Abbey will be ready for action with a year's seasoning under their belts. Steve Remis, who developed so well this winter, will be guarding the goal again.

Up from the freshman ranks will come Sonny Dale, Howie Keefe, Bob Scheu, and several others who are likely material to fill in the gaps.

The players on the squad are of the opinion that next season's team will be one of the best in recent years, and this spirit, plus the possibility of obtaining artificial ice, may bring back to the Hill the hockey prestige of former days.

The election of next year's captain will take place after the announcement of varsity hockey awards at the all-college dinner.

Freshman Cage and Ice Teams Win Friday Games

Hamilton freshman teams romped off with two victories last Friday afternoon, trimming the Cazenovia Seminary basketeers 45-33, and fighting out a 3-2 win over the Clinton High hockey team. The basketball game was rough all the way, being marred by continual fouling, while the hockey contest was slowed by mushy ice.

The freshman ice-men lined up with Lutz at goal, Slade and Bennett at defense, Meier and Keefe at wing, and Captain Dale at center. Ralph Leavenworth, Cartwright, and Kendall also saw action. Keefe scored twice, on assists from Dale and Meier, while Dale scored unassisted.

The basketball team lined up with Rod Smith at center, Young and Day at guards, and Henry and Sackett at forwards. Smith was high scorer, ringing in 13 points.

Sport Notes

By W. J. Roider, '39

Last week we printed a letter which charged us with possessing inferior athletes at Hamilton. This week we propose to answer as much of this letter as we possibly can.

Said our letter-writer:—

"...the boys who are representing Hamilton on the athletic field are not equal to those who attended Hamilton in the past years, and certainly are not equal to those who now represent other colleges which play your teams."

We were naturally worried about this accusation against Hamilton athletes, so we proceeded to scout around and find out the opinion of others on the subject.

The best place to find information on this question would naturally be from the coaches. So we questioned one of the members of the athletic department, and learned that he agreed with the letter-writer for the most part.

According to this coach, Hamilton athletics run in definite cycles. Since athletics on the Hill have never had real "bang-up" seasons, therefore a team considers its season a fairly decent one if it splits even in its contests. Once in a while one team throughout the college year has a very poor season, losing all or most of its games. As a whole, however, Hamilton receives material which will build teams capable of turning in 50-50 seasons.

But every once in a while the cycle shifts, and the material is exceptionally poor. Not only does one class possess no athletic talent, but also the other three classes. This is what has happened this year. The class of 1939 did not contain a very noteworthy bunch of athletes. The present junior class was not much better, and the sophomores class continued a three year dearth of athletic material. As a result, the sports teams became poorer and poorer, so that when only the men from the present senior, junior and sophomore classes remained to fill team positions, naturally the squads were hardly up to par.

If, in the course of the last three years, Hamilton had had one class which had possessed a remarkable amount of athletic talent, this disastrous sports season might not have happened, for that class might have been able to supply the necessary material for better teams. But unfortunately for 1938-39 athletics on the Hill, this did not happen—thus the deluge.

According to the mentor who was questioned concerning this situation, the present freshman class seems to have broken the cycle of inferior material which has represented Hamilton on the athletic field this year. It seems reasonable to believe. therefore, that athletics next year will be far better off than they have been this year. Perhaps, with a more careful survey and choice of men entering Hamilton from now on, athletics at Hamilton will be superior to that of the past years, mainly because better athletes will be attending the college in the future.

Quadrangle Announces Selection of Members

Quadrangle, freshman honorary society, announced the election of its 20 members for this year last Monday morning. The new members met immediately afteward and named E. Samuel Nuspliger, President; Robert S. Scheu, Vice President; and Robert L. Henry, Secretary-Treasurer.

Other men elected to the group are: Clifton P. Beardslee, Jr., Harry E. Bennett, Jr., James R. Bonner, Richard Cartwright, William A. Day, Robert A. Deyo, Howard M. Keefe, Jr., Philip C. Leavenworth, Jr., Royd C. Lutz, Jr., Arthur H. Naylor, Peter J. Sacket, Robert S. Scheu, Art F. Seaver, Philip Sheridan, and Rodney W. Smith.

No Interclass Hockey

Poor weather conditions during the past week have made it impossible to continue the interclass hockey competition.

Fencing Team Surprises In Quadrangular Contest

Fencers Take Second Place In Contest at Cornell; Ithacans Winners

Taking an early lead in the quadrangular meet held at Cornell University Saturday afternoon, the fencing team held first place until a surprising 9-0 victory over Penn State gave Cornell a narrow edge over the Gelasmen.

The final scores were: Cornell 20½ points; Hamilton 18; Penn State 13; Syracuse 3½. Hamilton beat Cornell, 6-3, and Syracuse, 7-2. Penn State won a close 5-4 decision over the Continentals. Gregory Dwyer, '38, outstanding fencer on last year's team, coached the Syracuse team.

Steve Kelly, who has lost only one bout this year, won all three matches in the saber division. Bob Williams and George Thompson won two out of three matches in the same competition. Outstanding for the epee men was Howie Bramley, who won all three matches. Theron Platt earned two out of three decisions, while Dick Allen won one match out of three in the same division. Foilsman Bob La Force won the decision in two out of three meets, and Pete Warfield and Arja Adair were successful in one out of three bouts.

This Saturday the rapidly-improving swordsmen will face the Massachusetts Institute of Technology team in Boston.

Pi Delta Epsilon Organizes Poll

The Hamilton College chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalistic fraternity, recently issued a questionaire on the various college publications.

The questionaire is divided up into three parts. The first is concerned wih the Continental, most consideration be given to ways of improving it. The students are asked to suggest their plans. The second part deals with **Hamilton Life**. Among other questions, the students are asked what columns they like and read most; what features they would like to see included in **Life** that it does not include now; and what their general criticisms of the paper are. The last part of the questionaire is on the Hamiltonian, the college year book.

The Pi Delt Questionaire has been distributed among the students and faculty by members of that fraternity, and the answers will be studied by them. **Life** will print the results as soon as they are determined.

Frosh Lead Class Fives In Interclass Basketball

No games having been played during the past week, and plans for the future games being very indefinite; the Interclass Basketball competition seems to be dying a slow death. The freshmen, featuring the playing of Smith, Henry, and Day, have apparently subdued the rest of the class teams, and have built up a substantial lead in the league.

Examinations for Tuberculosis To Be Given to All Hill Students

This week and next week Dr. Jensen of the Broadacres Sanitarium, which is the Oneida County Tuberculosis Hospital, will take chest X-rays of all undergraduates of Hamilton College in the gymnasium.

The purpose of this experiment is to determine whether any student is afflicted with the bacilli of tuberculosis. Once treated in the early stages, tuberculosis can be cured. Though this is the first time in the college's history that such an examination has been tried, other colleges have found it both successful and helpful. Statistics show that at least one per cent of all students examined are infected with the deadly germ.

The expense of the experiment will be shared by Oneida County and New York State. Two machines will be used in this examination. Each year the succeeding class will be X-rayed.

Each undergraduate should attend the one hour noted for his section, regardless of substitution for other activities. The examinations will take place on the following days and hours:

Wednesday, March 8—8:30 Section A; 9:30, B; 1:30, L; 2:30, I.

Thursday, March 9—8:30 Section E; 9:30, F; 1:30, K; 2:30, N.

Wednesday, March 15—10:30, Section C; 11:30, D.

Thursday, March 16—10:30, Section G; 11:30, H.

Undergraduates are requested to report promptly for their appointments to avoid unnecessary delay and expense.

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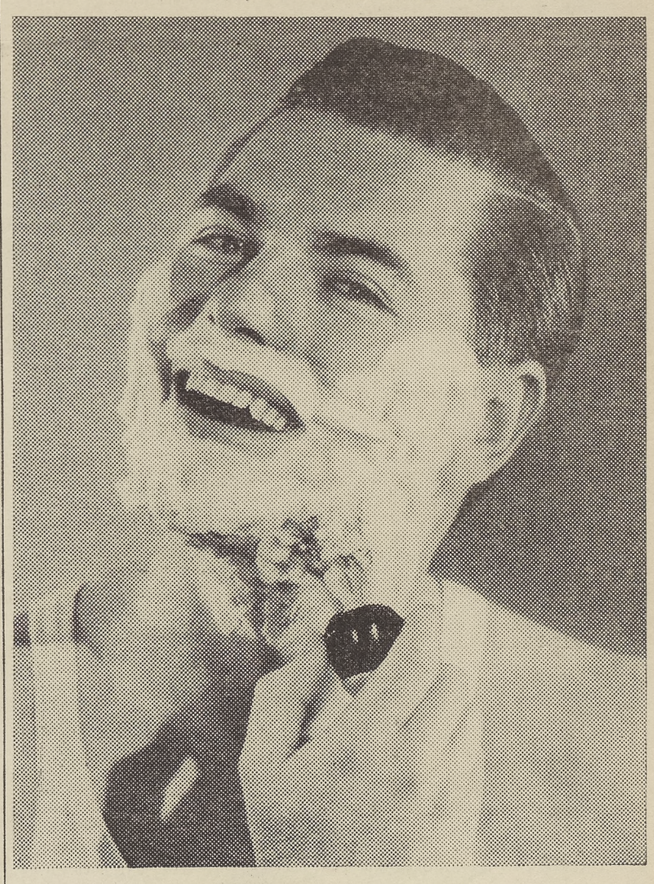

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EDITOR'S DESK—

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ence. He'd better whip around to the administration and present his case. It's a wonder to us how freshmen can get hooked so fast.

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Last week we were assured by an officer of a certain organization that an editorial was needed to stir that group into action. We got his O. K., wrote the editorial, and printed it. Now the two-faced creature comes back at us with a nasty letter criticising the editorial, and calling us hasty and ungrateful creatures. We absolutely refuse to print his letter, despite the fact his name is signed, and invite him to visit this office and take a little verbal abuse.

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A letter from "a disgusted reader" points out the fact that we don't seem to realize we're in college, and that such an article as "Cavorting Canines", which appeared last week, is stupid and unoriginal. After looking over the aforementioned article, we are inclined to agree with the reader that it isn't up to snuff by a long shot, but we refuse to admit his claim that we are not able "to run a decent, readable newspaper". An amusing fact about his letter is that it is far worse than the article it derides, and we suspect strongly that our "reader" didn't get by Comp. 1.

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We hear that a letter from Bob Allen, '38, last year's editor requested the Lambda Chi's to turn over to us material enclosed in the letter. Unhappily, the LCA's report, there was nothing enclosed. Tsk! Robert.

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The choir is off Friday for its annual trip, and is to take part in the world's biggest radio program. The only thing to worry about now is where to get even a bigger hour for next year's group....By the way, what ever happened to that western trip we heard so much about?

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The success of last Sunday's Musical Art Concert has given impetus to an informal night to be held sometime in the future. From what we've heard, there will be a ban on all classical music and swing is to predominate. Each house is to present an offering; admission will be charged (proceeds to the Gym fund); Professor Johnston, Sam Lake, and Chuck Nord are to handle details; and everyone will be there. There's no ban on "dramer", so we'll be waiting for Sam Gould and Larry Daw to trip about as true Romans, bedsheets and all.

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News items of the future: Pi Delt's planned cocktail party, dinner, and dance; the start of competitive issues of **Life** for juniors; a report on Bill Weld's field trip; a blur of activity as Prexy climbs out of his sickbed; start of the new gym; drawn swords between the students and faculty on the cut crisis; a convention of physics professors here; a marriage in the chapel; appearance of the Alumni Review.

PLATTER PATTER

By R. S. W.

Finally realizing that Decca's Bob Crosby had really found something when he started recording Meade Lux Lewis numbers, Vocalion, a subsidiary of Brunswick, snatched up Lewis and his gang from Nick's in Greenwich Village to wax their "boogie woogie" style for posterity. The result is three excellent discs, probably the best of which is a two-part "Boogie Woogie Prayer". The work of the trio that grooved this is authentic, low-down and solid. The second coupling features the vocalizing of Joe Turner on a slow blues number called "Goin' Away Blues". The B, is also on the indigo side, but this time the ivory work is set to a faster tempo, "Roll 'Em Pete". The third record, "Shout For Joy", solos Albert Ammons, and the reverse, "Bear Cat Crawl" features the non-stop work of Meade himself. For more examples of the style of this aggregation, hear "Yancey Special" and "Honky Tonk Train", piano soloes by Bob Zurke of Bob Crosby's band.

Larry Clinton, already known for his swing interpretations of many operatic works, has now turned to Gilbert and Sullivan. His first excerpts, from "Pinafore" and "The Mikado", are called "Sweet Little Buttercup" and "I've Got A Little List". The singing of Ford Leary and Bea Wain is designed to surprise but not shock the Gilbert and Sullivan faithful. Bea always wanted to be an opera star anyway.

Artie Shaw's new Album for Victor deserves praise.

The sweet swing style, started by the late Orville Knapp several years ago, has now spread so fast that many swing bands have changed their style completely on the chance that they might be able to cash in on the trend. Sammy Kaye and Kay Kyser are the leaders right now in the mania for stylized rhythm. Recent additions to the list of sweet swing orchestras are Frank Dailey, who stops every piece in the middle to inform the listeners that his orchestra's only distinguishing mark is that they stop in the middle of every song, and Gray Gorden, currently at The Green Room of the Hotel Edison, who employs a chronometer as metronome and as distinguishing feature of his "tic-toc" style. Other bands which claim to be sweet swing are Dick Barrie, Dick Stabile, George Olsen, Larry Funk, Lawrence Welk, and Art Kassel. Next week, we will take up some of the waxwork of these bands.

CLUB NOTES

Biology Club

At the last meeting of the Biology Club March 3, various members talked on subjects of interest to the club. Harry Gilmore gave an interesting illustrated talk about the mechanical heart invented by Carrel and Lindbergh. "Polyploidy" the multiplication of chromosomes, was the topic discussed by John J. Gadbaw. Other speakers were Robert Bacon, William Jones, and Paul Rockwell. Mrs. Walter Hess served refreshments. A trip to the Utica State Hospital will constitute the next meeing on March 15.

German Club

At tonight's German Club meeting, Hans Kessler and Leopold Meier are scheduled to speak on topics of their own choosing. William Kirk gave an account of his trip to Europe at the last meeting, February 17. After the meeting proper, the club usually sings German songs with the piano accompaniment of Prof. Otto Liedke. All German students or those interested in German are welcome to attend.

Camera Club

The Camera Club will meet next at Tau Kappa Epsilon on March 15. At that time all entries for the contest, "Faces", will be judged. The winning photographs will be exhibited in the library.

Newman Club

At the last meeting of the Newman Club on March 2, W. Allenby Jones gave an interesting discussion on "Justice in St. Thomas Aquinas". Following this speech, the club held a discussion period.

Geology Club

The Geology Club's next meeting, sometime this month, will feature either moving pictures or a speaker. At least one field trip to Little Falls has been planned for this spring.

Library Gets Rid of Duplicate Volumes Through Romantic Bookshop in Basement

If you're a romanticist, if you have a vivid enough imagination, if you're one of those persons who have always had a vain desire to take themselves off to some quaint old corner of a city of the old world into a musty bookshop and there to browse, seeking collectors' items long neglected and undiscovered, the basement of the library is the place for you.

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WOODEN SWEATER—

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That answered that. We asked next if he had any idea as to how one went about making a fiber suitable for the manufacture of clothing from wood. He didn't. Neither did we.

We looked at the sweater more closely. Professor Patton had told us that termites might make inroads upon synthetic products. There didn't seem to be any evidence of termite destruction, on any other kind of destruction for that matter.

"Well, thanks a lot," we said, handing the sweater back; and we left the room thinking about that old saying "Darn clever, these Chinese," only we weren't thinking of the Chinese—just fools in Europe.

CHOIR TRIP—

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Choir, the Hill group is the only choir asked to sing at St. Thomas'.

In addition to the songs included on the broadcast, the following selections will be given in the evening concerts: Agnus Dei-Rheinberger; Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee-Bach; Eingang- Schubert; Heilig-Schubert; Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?-Negro Spiritual; Morning Hymn-Henschel; Reapers' Song-Old Bohemian Folksong.

The choir members will spend Friday night at an Albany hotel, and Saturday night will be the guests of Essex Fells families. Social activities for the two evenings are not definitely determined, but the alumni in charge of the concerts are making plans.

McMichael to Give Talk Tonight at Theta Delta Chi

Mr. J. McMichael, Emery University, Georgia, '37, who gave a short talk in chapel this morning, will give another informal talk tonight at 8:00 o'clock at the Theta Delta Chi House.

Mr. McMichael, who is here under the auspices of the College Church, is a representative of the Student Christian Movement. He has recently returned from China, where he spent the last year visiting colleges and universities there.

The purpose of his talks is to inform American undergraduates of the conditions in China, as well as to arouse the interest of American undergraduates in students elsewhere.

CONSTITUTION—

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c. The two sophomores having the highest number of votes shall be elected.

d. In case of a tie, in which more than the necessary number of men is involved, there shall be another election among the tying men to fill the remaining position or positions. This election shall be within one week of the first election.

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